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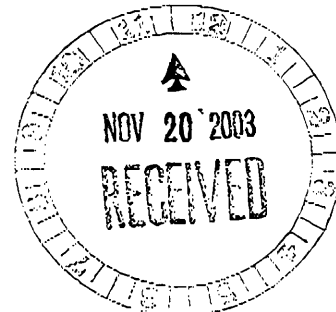
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Case Control Unit
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20423-0001



Attention: Troy Brady
Docket No. AB-T67 (Sub-No. 1095X)

Dear Mr. Brady:

As the school bus contractor for Solanco and Penn Manor School Districts, we are keenly aware of the significant safety concerns involving the stone arched railroad bridge tunnels located on Route 222, outside Quarryville Borough, in Providence Township and on Route 324 near the intersection of Red Hill Road in Martic Township, Lancaster County. On a daily basis during the school year, we have seventeen (17) school buses going through the Route 222 tunnel and nineteen (19) school buses through the Route 324 tunnel. In addition, daily, we have a number of employees crossing through these tunnels in their personal vehicles. Therefore we truly have a vested interest in the safety of the roadways through these tunnels.

Due to their design and placement on the roadway these tunnels are dangerous to modern day vehicular traffic, as evidenced by the numerous accidents that have occurred in these tunnels. In fact, on a number of occasions, our school buses have experienced bus damage when trying to remain clear from ongoing traffic in these tunnels. In addition we have had collisions with other vehicles in and near these tunnels.

Therefore, due to our concern for the safety of our student school bus passengers, our employees and the community in general, we firmly support the proposed draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). We feel these tunnels are a menace to vehicular traffic and, therefore should be removed as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Al Sama
Director of Operations

cc: David Eschbach III
President and Owner